961 PRO

IT FAILED?

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765 PRO'S PRODUCER GOT IN THE WAY?

THAT GUY...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

HOW IS HE STILL WITH 765 PRO!?

BAH!

JUST HOW STUBBORN CAN THAT MAN BE?

WHATEVER. I STILL HAVE MORE THAN A FEW TRICKS LEFT.

TEXT: GANAHA HIBIKI PREPARING TO LEAVE HER UNIT?
THE REASON FOR HER SOLO PERFORMANCES... IS SPROUT IN DANGER OF DISBANDING?

THE IDOLM@STER 2

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The world is all one !!

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CHAPTER-14 SEEDS OF REGRET

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WH-
WHAT'S WITH THIS ARTI-CLE!?
NOW, HIBIKIN.
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF...

WELL, DUH!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, HIBIKI?
YOU HEARD HER. THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT.

COME ON-

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO,
BUT THOSE WERE ALL LIES.

EVEN IF YOU TELL US THAT,
YOU KNOW?
WE CAN'T HELP BUT WORRY ABOUT YOU ALL.
LATELY, YOU THREE SEEMED REALLY DOWN ABOUT SOMETHING.
ALSO, RITSUKO TOLD US WHAT HAPPENED...
UH. YOU GUYS... HEARD ABOUT THAT?
RI-RITSUKO...
YOU...

UM, IORI?
CAN YOU PLEASE... NOT TALK ABOUT THAT?
NO!
I CAN'T KEEP QUIET ABOUT THIS!
HOW COULD YOU-
BREAK EVERY-ONE'S TRUST LIKE THAT?
COL-LASPING FROM EXHAUS-TION,
AND ENDING UP IN A HOSPI-TAL!
ARA ARA-
IF THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO US AND MITSUKO ENDED UP COLLAPSING! I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TO DO! CAN YOU EVEN IMAGINE JUST HOW
BESIDES, WHY DID YOU OVER-WORK YOURSELF TO THAT EXTENT? DON'T YOU EVEN KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF? "WORKING HARD" AND "TRYING TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE" ARE TOTALLY DIF-FERENT THINGS!

ALRIGHT, WE STILL HAVE WORK TO DO AFTER ALL THIS.
THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY! DISMISSED!
GO HOME AND GET SOME REST!
YOU GET THAT?!

UH, RITSUKO-SAN?
IT'S FINE IF YOU DROP THE "-SAN".
JUST IN CASE YOU'RE WONDER-ING,

I LIED TO MAKE SURE THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY TROU-BLE.
IT'S NOT MEANT TO COVER UP YOUR MESS, ANYWAY.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
WE'RE PRODUCERS, AREN'T WE?
SOME-TIMES,
YOU'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO TELL A LIE.

THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.
YEAH.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
UM, THAT'S...
OKAY.
ABOUT YOUR UNIT, SPROUT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
BY THE WAY,
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO NOW?

YOU'RE STILL NOT UP TO SPEED AT SUCH AN IMPORTANT TIME.
IF THIS GOES ON...
YEAH. WAITING FOR EVERYTHING TO BLOW OVER IS NOT AN OPTION.
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I HAVE TO STOP THESE RUMORS FROM SPREADING ANY FURTHER.
WHAT NOW?
HOWEVER,
THINKING OF WHAT TO DO NEXT,
IS MY JOB, AFTER ALL.
THAT'S MY RESPON-SIBILITY.

HOW COULD YOU BREAK EVERYONE'S TRUST LIKE THAT?
WHEN IORI SAID THOSE WORDS, I COULDN'T HELP BUT TENSE UP.
BACK THEN, I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO BELIEVE IN HIM.
AND THEN, I-

AH, I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!
IF ONLY I DIDN'T RUN AWAY,
NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED...
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WHEN OUR PRODUCER GOT EXPOSED,
HE TRIED TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO US.
UP UNTIL THE END,
HE STILL TRUSTED US.
BUT I...
I WAS TOO AFRAID. I DIDN'T LISTEN.
THE ONE WHO ENDED UP BREAKING THAT TRUST...
WAS ME.

MY MIND
WENT TOTALLY BLANK IN REGRET.
THE NEXT DAY, WHEN WE HEARD EVERY-THING,
ONCE AGAIN, I WAS TOO SCARED TO DO ANYTHING.
I DIDN'T EVEN DARE TO THINK ABOUT IT.
JUST HOW MUCH DID I END UP HURTING HIM?
I THINK I'D BETTER APOLO-GIZE...
IN ANY CASE...
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DOES THIS MEAN... OUR UNIT IS DISBANDING?
NO, NOT AT ALL. YOU'LL STILL CONTINUE YOUR ACTIVITES AS A UNIT.

I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN'T GO SOLO SOMETIMES,
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE PART OF A UNIT, RIGHT?

WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO GIVE YOUR FANS,
IS THE IMPRESSION THAT THESE SOLOS ARE ALSO PART OF YOUR UNIT ACTIVITES.
THESE THREE SONGS WILL BE RELEASED TOGETHER IN A MINI-ALBUM.
EVERYONE SINGS TOGETHER IN THE CHORUS FOR ALL OF THEM.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S AN "IMAGE SONG", YOU WON'T BE DOING IT ALONE.
START!!

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WE'LL BE DOING MORE SOLO ACTIVITIES?
YES. THERE WILL ALSO BE A NEW IMAGE SONG FOR EACH OF YOU.

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HOW-EVER,
THE MAIN VOCALIST WILL BE ABLE TO DO PROMOTIONS WITHOUT THE REST OF THE UNIT.
IT'S AN IMAGE SONG, AFTER ALL.
AND, SINCE YOU'RE NOW ABLE TO SPLIT UP,
THERE ARE MORE CHANCES TO TAKE THE SPOTLIGHT.
YOU MEAN WE CAN DO THREE TIMES AS MANY PROMO-TIONS? THAT'S AMAZING!
THREE TIMES?
ALSO,
WITH THIS, THAT GOSSIP ARTICLE ABOUT HIBIKI-
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IT GETS RID OF IT RIGHT AWAY!
THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, PRO-DUCER!
YOU KNOW, I CAN'T WAIT TO GET STARTED!
THAT'S GOOD,
BUT, THIS IS IMPOR-TANT,
SO CALM DOWN AND LISTEN CLOSELY.

IF WE GO THROUGH WITH THIS,
ON TOP OF YOUR USUAL UNIT ACTIVITIES, WHICH WE'LL BE RESUMING,
WITH THREE NEW SONGS,
THAT ALSO MEANS THREE TIMES THE LESSONS.
ADDING ON THESE SOLO ACTIVITIES,
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YOU SHOULD HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW DIFFICULT IT'S GOING TO BE.
YOU CAN TRUST US, YOU KNOW?
OF COURSE WE CAN DO IT.
ARE YOU THREE OKAY WITH THAT?
WE'VE GOT TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME, YOU KNOW?
PRODUCER.
I'LL DO MY BEST AS WELL!
TRUST,
LOST TIME...

I,
I'LL DO MY BEST!
THAT WAS SURPRISING...
Y, YOU'RE REALLY INTO IT, HARUKA.
YEAH, THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
SORRY.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO ACT SO STRONG FOR MY SAKE...
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THAT... THAT'S NOT WHAT I-
W, WELL, THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE YOU WANTED TO SAY,
RIGHT?
YEAH. SORRY.

ALSO,
I CAN'T BE AROUND ALL THE TIME IF YOU'RE GOING SOLO.
WHICH MEANS THAT I MAY NOT BE AROUND IF SOMETHING HAPPENS.
I'LL BE FINE.
I WON'T LOSE!
I'M PREPARED FOR THAT.
I THINK.
IF WE EVER FIND OURSELVES IN TROUBLE,
YOU'LL COME RUNNING, WON'T YOU?
OF COURSE.
THEN THERE'S NO PROB-LEM!
AL-RIGHT!
LET'S DO OUR BEST!
YEAH!

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ONE MORE TIME...
AMAMI.
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PRODUC-ER?
OH. MY PHONE WAS-
I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT YOUR NEXT SOLO JOB,
BUT I HAD SOME TROUBLE CONTACT-ING YOU.
WHY ARE YOU HERE?

HUH?
I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE THAT I WAS PRACTICING ALONE.
GANAHA AND HAGI-WARA SEEMED PRETTY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
WELL, I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HERE. PROBABLY.
YOUR SCHEDULE IS ALREADY PACKED TO THE BRIM.
I KNOW YOU CAN'T KEEP IT UP FOREVER.
THAT'S WHY I SET SOME TIME ASIDE FOR YOU TO REST.
AMAMI,
YOU SHOULD TAKE A BREAK WHILE YOU CAN.
AH.
NOT AGAIN...
I DON'T WANT TO REGRET ANYTHING,
THAT'S WHY... IF I DON'T DO MY BEST-
WHY?
WHY CAN'T I SAY WHAT I REALLY FEEL?
SORRY.

I UNDERSTAND IF YOU'RE FEELING UNEASY.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I...!
U, UM...
"IT'LL DEFINITELY WORK OUT."
"LEAVE IT TO ME."
I CAN ALWAYS SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT, BUT...
AS IT IS, RIGHT NOW, WITH THE WAY I AM,
I HAVE NOTHING TO BACK THOSE WORDS UP.
OBVIOUSLY,
I CAN'T SAY SOMETHING LIKE "TRUST ME", EITHER.
JUST SAY THAT YOU BELIEVE IN ME...

EARLIER,
DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING ABOUT MY NEXT SOLO ACTIVITY?
YEAH. ABOUT THAT VARIETY PROGRAM YOU'LL BE ON...
JUPITER'S GONNA BE THERE, TOO.
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT IT,
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BUT I HAVE SOME WORK TO DO ON THAT DAY, SO I CAN'T GO ALONG.
THAT'S WHY, I MAY WANT TO PULL YOU OUT FROM THE PROGRAM.
THERE'S STILL ENOUGH TIME TO DO THAT.
BUT, IF YOU DO THAT, WON'T IT AFFECT MY OTHER WORK?
PROBABLY...
I'LL DO IT.

PLEASE, LET ME GO FOR IT.
IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE WORRIED THAT I CAN'T DO IT ALONE?
NO, NOT REALLY...
ALRIGHT! I'LL DO MY-
!?
I WON'T CHALLENGE YOUR DECISION.
JUST GIVE ME A CALL IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, OKAY?
OKAY!
AHAHA, I JUST TRIPPED, DIDN'T I...
HUH?
DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN DURING THE PROGRAM.
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HARUKA'S VARIETY PROGRAM PERFOR-MANCE DAY-
YES! THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING ME TODAY!
BY NOW, AMAMI'S PROGRAM SHOULD HAVE STARTED ALREADY!
I DIDN'T RECIEVE A CALL, SO I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING...
BUT I'M STILL WORRIED ANYWAY.
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AMAMI COLLAPSED IN THE STUDIO!?
HELLO?